



Match Report

Opponent: St. Mary's College of Maryland

Date: 17 Sept 05

Match: Navy 13 SMCM 8

After some initial crashing and rucking by forwards of both teams in St Mary's end of the field, the Seahawks committed a penalty. Midshipman Young nailed the penalty kick from just beyond the 22 to bring Navy up 3-nil. After the kickoff the momentum of the match turned in favor of St. Mary's as the Midshipmen commit penalties that allow the Seahawks capitalize on two penalty kicks within ten minutes to bring the score to St. Mary's 6-3. Just as the half was in its final moments the Midshipmen put in a try after two forward crashes and a pitch from lock Dunbar to Young out of a ruck on the St. Mary's three meter line. The conversion was just off the mark, making the score Navy 8, St. Mary's 6.

Sluggish play began to plague the match as the heat was taking its toll on the Midshipmen. However punishing hits by the Gold clad began taking their toll on the Seahawks resulting in multiple substitutions; one monster hit dealt by wing Chris Swiagart got the attention of all present and the departure of one of St. Mary's more formidable foes. The Midshipmen kept the ball in the St. Mary's end of the pitch for most

of the second half, trading kicks between fullback Ander Heilles and flyhalf James Kerrigan and their St. Mary's opponents. After a fifteen meter run up the middle by prop Ryan Larivee the Midshipmen were on the five meter line and in position to score. Scrumhalf Andrew Chess spun it to a sprinting Steven Janco who tore through the Seahawks' inside and outside centers to score five points for the Midshipman. The conversion by Young was closer to the mark but still not good enough, making the score a tight Navy 13, St. Mary's 6. The Seahawks were determined to even the score and soon sustained a rally for the next fifteen minutes, keeping the ball within the Navy 22 for the last eight minutes of the match. Shortly after a small pop kick by Kerrigan, a knock-on was committed by the Midshipmen and deemed intentional. As a result a penalty try was awarded to the Seahawks. The conversion was good and the score evened up at 13-13. Shortly after, time expired leaving the match tied.